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McCray Old Stage Coach Stop
Rt. 36 - Mt. Savage Road

C.1845

The McCray Old Stage Coach Stop is located on the Old Plank Road (a main throughfare during the first half of the 19th century) which ran from Baltimore to Somerset, Pa. The building is basically a two and one-half story, four bay wide "L" shaped frame structure. Originally covered with weatherboard, the house now is renovated to serve as a private home instead of a Stage Coach Stop and is now covered with insul brick.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McCray Old Stage Coach

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 36 - Mt. Savage Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard W. McCray

Telephone #: 264-2916

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1 box 117

CITY, TOWN

Hyndman

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Pa., 15545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 217

Folio #: 226

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McCray Old Stage Coach Stop is located on the north side of Rt. 36, between Barrelville and Corriganville, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two and one half story, four bay wide "L" shaped frame structure. A one story gabled roof wing abuts the main block on the north side forming the "L" shape. The entire building is supported by a low stone foundation with no apparent water table. Wall features are plain. Originally the building was covered with weatherboarding but now is covered with insulation brick siding. The roof is gabled flank and covered with replaced tin materials. Eaves exhibit boxed cornices with return ends and soffit. Each of the gable ends have two hinged sash windows. Louvered ventilators are located in the peaks of the gable ends. Windows are nailed, double hung, wooden sash frames with one-over-one, six-over-six, and eight-over-eight lights. The building contains one original inside end corbeled brick chimney. The front entrance doorway has a one-bay entrance porch with gable roof, boxed cornice, soffit and frieze, and six square pilasters. The doorway itself is nine paneled featuring a rectangular transom and sidelights and eight paneled storm door.

The house is structurally sound but has been somewhat altered when renovated to serve as a house instead of a Stage Coach Stop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1000-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In an era of increasing westward expansion and migration westward stage coach lines in and out of Cumberland were doing a brisk business before 1842. After that year, when the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reached Cumberland, the stage business west from Cumberland "increased dramatically" ¹ One result of this increased carriage business was the establishment of a stage coach stop around 1845 along Jennings' Run approximately two miles east of the mining community of Barreilville. This stop, known as the McCray Old Stage Coach Stop serviced travellers on the Old Plank Road that ran from Baltimore to Somerset, Pa.

Plank Roads were popular in this county at the middle of the nineteenth century probably because they provided a smoother ride than stone or gravel surfaced roads. "The average United States plank road had a roadbed of 30 feet and a plank at least 8 feet wide."² The planks were three or four inches thick and nine to sixteen inches wide, rested on rails and were covered with sand or sawdust. ³

Originally covered with weatherboard the house was renovated as a private residence and covered with insul brick. Structurally, the Old Stage Coach Stop is in fair condition but has been altered in appearance. It serves as a reminder of a way of life once experienced in Allegany County.⁹

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McCalin Printing Co., 1976) p. 109
2. Eric Slone, Our Vanishing Landscape (New York, N.Y.: Ballantine Books, 1974) p. 69
3. Ibid

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Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.85

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/14/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-076

DATE: 6/14/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

217/226
8.85 A.

NAME OF PROPERTY: McCray Old Stage Coach Stop

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36 - Mt. Savage Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Howard W. McCray 264-3916

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 117

Hyndman, Pa. 15545

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(☒) 5() 6() 7() ()

ADDITIONS: Rear single story

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "L" shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒) OTHER: Coverings insul

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other(☒) 8/8
pegged() nailed(☒) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South
HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards Replaced

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed cornice
original(☒) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormer. #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable(☒)

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone() Corbeled(☒) original(☒) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Transportation

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1845

CONDITION: Fair

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- ☐ CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ☐ SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ☐ IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ☐ ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ☐ OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ☐ DOG-LEG
- ☐ DOG-LEG WITH WINNERS
- ☐ SPIRAL
- ☐ OTHER

WALL FINISH:

- ☐ PLASTER
- ☐ PANELED: original; replaced
- ☐ BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ☐ PLAIN
- ☐ ARCHITRAVE
- ☐ SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ☐ FLUTED
- ☐ FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ☐ ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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Old Rt. 36, Corriganville

USGS - Cumberland Quad

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McCray - Old Stage Coach Stop

Rt. 36, Corriganville

John E. Nelson

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Northeast



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McCray - Old Stage Coach Stop

Rt. 36, Corriganville

John E. Nelson

6/14/77

North west



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McCray - Old Stage Coach Stop

Rt. 36, Corriganville

John E. Nelson

6/14/77

North